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Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr.
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square, Room 435
New York, New York 10007

MEMO ENDORSED

Re: 1:19-cv-02978-ALC and 1:20-cv-01791-ALC
Plaintiffs' Request for Adjournment and Stay or Pre-Motion Conference

Dear Judge Carter:

Our office, as counsel for Plaintiffs Hoechstetter, *et al.* in the above-referenced matter and in accordance with Your Honor's Individual Practices, writes to advise the Court of recent developments between the parties.

On July 30, 2020, the undersigned counsel for Plaintiffs together with counsel for Defendants Columbia University, *et al.* and New York Presbyterian Hospital executed an "Agreement" memorializing the parties' belief that "... it is in their mutual interest to pursue settlement of the Claims at this time" and "that the parties agree to proceed in good faith" Pursuant to the Agreement, and prior to the commencement of settlement discussions between the parties, Plaintiffs served upon Defendants Columbia University, *et al.* and New York Presbyterian Hospital Plaintiff questionnaires. As directed by the Court, on October 9, 2020 the parties submitted a joint letter update advising the Court of the status of negotiations and requesting a continued stay while the parties continued to negotiate. The Court directed a further status update on February 26, 2021 (Docket 80).

The parties wish to advise Your Honor that settlement negotiations continue, with another mediation session taking place tomorrow, February 27, 2021. The parties anticipate holding several additional negotiation sessions in the coming days and weeks given that our mutual desire to work together toward achieving a fair resolution remains strong. As such, the parties respectfully ask for a continuance of the previously imposed stay in both actions, thereby allowing the parties to continue to explore an amicable resolution. With the Court's permission, the parties will provide another joint status update in sixty days.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and consideration of the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

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SO ORDERED:

HON. ANDREW L. CARTER, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

March 1, 2021
The Parties shall file a
joint status letter by
April 30, 2021.

cc: **All Parties Via ECF**
Magistrate Judge Katharine H. Parker Via Email:
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